



## Task Force 1 AD celebrates West Point's 'Founder's Day'

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BAGHDAD, Iraq – Task Force 1st Armored Division and other alumni of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point serving in Baghdad, celebrated their alma mater's founding on the parade grounds Saddam Hussein's military forces once marched.

More than 100 graduates of the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., gathered to celebrate the school's 202<sup>nd</sup> birthday March 28.

The celebration took place at "the crossed swords" monument in downtown Baghdad.

The attendees spanned more than three decades of West Point cadets. The senior alumnus was 3rd Corps commander Lt. Gen. Thomas Metz, class of 1971. The junior and youngest officer present was 2nd Lt. Zachary Hadfield, C Company, 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment, Class of 2003.

Serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom "is like starting over as a new cadet, except this time it is a little more important than memorizing the number of lights in Cullum Hall," Hadfield said.

Metz talked with fellow graduates about his roots, the military's current state, and the importance of duty, honor and country – words and a way of life immortalized by General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, Class of 1903 and Academy superintendent from 1919-22.

"Where I come from (a small town in North Carolina) you wouldn't expect the 3rd Corps commander to come from," said Metz, "(Our forefathers) built a pretty good country ... everything I've done is because the country allowed it and I want to preserve that."

That is why it is important that the coalition wins this war, he added.

West Point's history extends earlier than the academy.

During the Revolutionary War, both the British and Continental Armies realized the strategic importance of the commanding plateau on the west bank of the Hudson River. Gen. George Washington considered West Point to be the most important strategic position in America and transferred his headquarters there in 1779.

West Point is the oldest continuously occupied military post in America.

President Thomas Jefferson signed legislation establishing the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1802.

Still, 1808 graduate Sylvanus Thayer is considered



**Task Force 1st Armored Division commander and 1974 United States Military Academy graduate, Maj. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, raises his glass for a toast in honor of the Academy during the TF 1AD West Point Founder's Day celebration in Baghdad, Iraq, March 28. More than 100 graduates, ranging from Class of 1971 to Class of 2003 attended to celebrate the Academy's 202nd birthday.**

the "father of the Military Academy," serving as superintendent of the academy from 1817-1833.

Through two centuries of technological advanced the United States Military Academy still emphasizes the philosophy of "duty, honor, country."

"You are measured by those three words you heard as cadets," Metz said to the ceremony attendees. "As you gain experience ... I hope those words are impressed upon you."

The graduates toasted to the nation and its leadership, the Army, the 1st Armored Division, the Corps of Cadets and to former classmates and friends.

Hadfield recognized the thousands of soldiers' dedication to duty during his address to the party.

"There are a lot of extraordinarily brave men and women in the Army," he said. "It is a privilege for me and my classmates to get the opportunity to serve with you."

**(Editor's note: Historical information was taken from the United States Military Academy website, [www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu).)**

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## NEWS...

### 19 Killed in Uzbek Terror Attacks, Blast

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan (AP) - A series of bombings and attacks linked to Islamic militants, including the first known suicide missions in Uzbekistan, killed 19 people and injured 26. "A preliminary investigation shows all the events are interconnected and aimed at destabilization of the country," Prosecutor-General Rashid Kadyrov said after the attacks in the Central Asian country Sunday and Monday.

### Rice Asserts She Can't Testify in Public

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) - National security adviser Condoleezza Rice is waging a vigorous defense of her actions in every public forum except one: the Sept. 11 commission where she would be questioned about the government's failure to prevent the terrorist attacks. Rice declared Sunday night that "nothing would be better, from my point of view, than to be able to testify" to the commission. But, she added, "there is an important principle involved here: It is a long-standing principle that sitting national security advisers do not testify before the Congress." She has appeared before panel members in closed session.

### Pakistan Claims to Kill al-Qaida Official

WANA, Pakistan (AP) - An al-Qaida intelligence chief was killed in Pakistan's massive military sweep through western tribal areas to root out members of Osama bin Laden's terror network and the Taliban. Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Shaukat Sultan identified the intelligence chief only as Abdullah. When pressed for details, including Abdullah's full name and nationality, Sultan said he had no more information.

### Trials Challenging Abortion Law Open

NEW YORK (AP) - A new federal law banning certain types of abortions is unconstitutional and will "threaten virtually all second trimester abortions," a lawyer told a federal judge Monday. The law, signed into law in November by President Bush, should be tossed out for a variety of reasons, including its lack of a health exception and its vagueness, plaintiffs' lawyer A. Stephen Hut Jr. said in his opening statement.

## Thought for the day...

### Judging Others

During the days of the frontier, the Sioux Indians practiced a custom that applies well today in a world grown 'small'. When a member of one tribe intended to travel in areas populated by other members of the Sioux Nation, the night before he left camp he was required to sit with the tribal chiefs around a campfire.

After sitting with them for a period of time, the traveler was required to stand silhouetted against the flames and recite the following prayer: "Great Spirit help me to never judge another until I have walked in his moccasins."

## Entertainment...

### Oscar-winning actor, Sir Peter Ustinov, dies at 82

**BBC** -- Despite a successful career as journalist, actor, playwright and author, Sir Peter Ustinov was at his best telling his own stories, and revelled in the role of raconteur.

In fact, the young soldier already had a play being staged in the West End, and went on to enjoy a hugely versatile career, spanning many areas of show business and lasting more than six decades.

Peter Ustinov was born in London two months after his mother arrived from St Petersburg to join her husband, a journalist. Made of European stock, young Ustinov nevertheless enjoyed a very English education.

He once said: "It's very difficult for me to feel British." And, on another occasion he observed: "I rather think of myself as ethnically filthy - and proud of it."

He left Westminster School aged 16, heading for the London Theatre Studio.

An early school report on Ustinov said: "He shows great originality which must be curbed at all costs."

A professional actor by 18, he wrote his first play, *House of Regrets*, a year later, and watched it transfer to the West End at the same time as he entered the Army.

He later claimed the highlight of his inauspicious military career to be his spell as batman for David Niven. The two were to become life-long friends. In fact, he spent most of the World War II with the Army Cinema Unit where, as well as recruitment films, he found time to write more plays and appear in three films, including *The Way Ahead*, which he also co-wrote.

Ustinov's output following the war was prodigious. He was involved in a string of films as writer, producer, director or actor, including the Hollywood version of *Quo Vadis*, in which he played Nero.

### United Nations ambassador

In the Hollywood epic *Spartacus* starring Kirk Douglas, Ustinov's portrayal of the slave owner Lentulus brought him the first of two supporting actor Oscars. The other was for the film *Topkapi*. In 1978, he used his gift as a mimic to play Agatha Christie's Belgian sleuth, Hercule Poirot, in a series of films, including *Death on the Nile*.

Despite his success in the cinema, Ustinov continued to write for the theatre. His play *The Love of Four Colonels* was first performed in London in 1951, before enjoying a long run in the United States.

*Romanoff and Juliet* was another big stage success, and Ustinov later obtained Hollywood backing to transfer it to film. Later plays included *Halfway up the Tree* and *Beethoven's Tenth*.

Deeply sensitive to the injustices of the world, Peter Ustinov was a roving ambassador for the United Nations Children's Fund, and considered himself an international citizen. He was knighted in 1990.

### Always in demand

He also wrote travel books and novels. Part-Russian, German, French, Swiss and Ethiopian, Ustinov enjoyed a lifelong skill with languages, and was regarded in Europe as a man of immense culture.

During the making of his well-received BBC television series, *Peter Ustinov's Russia*, the ever-curious thespian made a journey of 100,000 miles and visited more than 30 cities.

But if his academic achievements appealed to those schooled in literature and geography, his way with a good joke ensured his popularity with a less esoteric audience.

His mischievous geniality and ready wit made him a welcome guest on chat shows and a popular speaker on the international dinner circuit.

One critic said: "Nothing he creates is as funny as himself."

It was in the role of raconteur that many found Peter Ustinov at his best.

## Today in History...

### March 30, 1981: PRESIDENT REAGAN SHOT

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) On March 30, 1981, President Ronald Reagan is shot in the chest outside a Washington, D.C., hotel by a deranged drifter named John Hinckley Jr.

The president had just finished addressing a labor meeting at the Washington Hilton Hotel and was walking with his entourage to his limousine when Hinckley, standing among a group of reporters, fired six shots at the president, hitting Reagan and three of his attendants. White House Press Secretary James Brady was shot in the head and critically wounded, Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy was shot in the side, and District of Columbia policeman Thomas Delahaney was shot in the neck. After firing the shots, Hinckley was overpowered and pinned against a wall, and President Reagan, apparently unaware that he'd been shot, was shoved into his limousine by a Secret Service agent and rushed to the hospital.

The president was shot in the left lung, and the .22 caliber bullet just missed his heart. In an impressive feat for a 70-year-old man with a collapsed lung, he walked into George Washington University Hospital under his own power. As he was treated and prepared for surgery, he was in good spirits and quipped to his wife, Nancy, "Honey, I forgot to duck," and to his surgeons, "Please tell me you're Republicans." Reagan's surgery lasted two hours, and he was listed in stable and good condition afterward.

The next day, the president resumed some of his executive duties and signed a piece of legislation from his hospital bed. On April 11, he returned to the White House. Reagan's popularity soared after the assassination attempt, and at the end of April he was given a hero's welcome by Congress. In August, this same Congress passed his controversial economic program, with several Democrats breaking ranks to back Reagan's plan. By this time, Reagan claimed to be fully recovered from the assassination attempt. In private, however, he would continue to feel the effects of the nearly fatal gunshot wound for years.

Of the victims of the assassination attempt, Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy and D.C. police officer Thomas Delahaney eventually recovered. James Brady, who nearly died after being shot in the eye, suffered permanent brain damage. He later became an advocate of gun control, and in 1993 Congress passed the "Brady Bill," which established a five-day waiting period and background checks for prospective gun buyers. President Bill Clinton signed the bill into law.

After being arrested on March 30, 1981, 25-year-old John Hinckley was booked on federal charges of attempting to assassinate the president. He had previously been arrested in Tennessee on weapons charges. In June 1982, he was found not guilty by reason of insanity. In the trial, Hinckley's defense attorneys argued that their client was ill with narcissistic personality disorder, citing medical evidence, and had a pathological obsession with the 1976 film *Taxi Driver*, in which the main character attempts to assassinate a fictional senator. His lawyers claimed that Hinckley saw the movie more than a dozen times, was obsessed with the lead actress, Jodie Foster, and had attempted to reenact the events of the film in his own life. Thus the movie, not Hinckley, they argued, was the actual planning force behind the events that occurred on March 30, 1980.

The verdict of "not guilty by reason of insanity" aroused widespread public criticism, and many were shocked that a would-be presidential assassin could avoid been held accountable for his crime. However, because of his obvious threat to society, he was placed in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, a mental institution. In the late 1990s, Hinckley's attorney began arguing that his mental illness was in remission and thus had a right to return to a normal life. Beginning in August 1999, he was allowed supervised day trips off the hospital grounds and later was allowed to visit his parents once a week unsupervised. The Secret Service voluntarily monitors him during these outings. If his mental illness remains in remission, he may one day be released.



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The following are upcoming Presidential and State Primaries:

**April:** Pennsylvania

**May:** Indiana, North Carolina, Nebraska, West Virginia, Arkansas, Kentucky, Oregon, Idaho

**June:** Alabama, New Mexico, S. Dakota, Iowa, Maine, Montana, New Jersey, North Dakota, S. Carolina, Virginia, Utah

**July:** Georgia, Oklahoma

**August:** Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Tennessee, Colorado, Connecticut, Wyoming, Alaska, Florida

**September:** Guam, Arizona, Nevada, Delaware, Virgin Islands, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, Hawaii, Louisiana

**November:** American Samoa, **2004 GENERAL ELECTION (NOVEMBER 2)**

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As of: Monday, March 29, 2004 7:39:04 AM

Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00			MONSTER GARAGE (TVPG): - WEDDING CHAPEL	TODAY		00:00
00:30		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):			HEADLINE NEWS	00:30
01:00			THE HAUNTING		LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD				01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER	ESPNEWS		SESAME STREET	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ESPNEWS			NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00	MOTORCYCLE RACING - FIM WORLD SUPERBIKE RACE 1 (PHILLIP ISLAND)	WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP - ELITE 8	ROCKET POWER (TVY): - MISSLE CRISIS/ FALSELY ALARMED	DRAGON TALES (TVY): - MAKE NO MISTAKE/ BALANCING ACT	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS	WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00	MOTORCYCLE RACING - FIM WORLD SUPERBIKE RACE 2 (PHILLIP ISLAND)		THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - SATURDAYS OF THUNDER	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN	04:00
04:30			THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - A GIRL AND HER DOG			04:30
05:00	ESPNEWS	WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP - ELITE 8	J.A.G. (TVPG): - PAS DE DEUX (PT. 2)	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
05:30	TENNIS - NASDAQ 100 OPEN: EARLY ROUND COVERAGE					05:30
06:00			IRON JAWED ANGELS	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	THE NEWSHOUR	06:00
06:30				JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):		06:30
07:00		HEADLINE NEWS		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:25				GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):		07:25
07:30	WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE	HEADLINE NEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00	HBO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING - MIDDLEWEIGHTS - JERMAIN 'BAD INTENTIONS' TAYLOR VS. ALES 'THE TECHNICIAN' BUNEMA	SESAME STREET	A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):		08:13
09:00		DRAGON TALES (TVY): - MAKE NO MISTAKE/ BALANCING ACT		ARTHUR (TVY): - BINKY BARNES, WINGMAN/ TO BEAT OR NOT TO	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		DISNEY'S DOUG (TVY): - NIGHT OF THE LIVING DOUGS		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):		LIZZIE MCGUIRE (TVG): - PICTURE DAY	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30			EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES (TVPG):	THE AMANDA SHOW		10:30
10:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):				10:46
11:00	AROUND THE HORN		ROCKET POWER (TVY): - MISSLE CRISIS/ FALSELY ALARMED	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION		THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS	HEADLINE NEWS	NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS	11:30
11:35		GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):				11:35
11:52				PACIFIC REPORT		11:52
12:00	SPORTSCENTER		THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - SATURDAYS OF THUNDER	ESPNEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):				12:17
12:30			THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - A GIRL AND HER DOG	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00	MLB - SEASON OPENER: TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS VS NEW YORK YANKEES (TOKYO, JAPAN)	HEADLINE NEWS	J.A.G. (TVPG): - PAS DE DEUX (PT. 2)	SMALLVILLE (TVPG): - CALLING (PT. 1)	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:30		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):				13:30
14:00		ARTHUR (TVY): - BINKY BARNES, WINGMAN/ TO BEAT OR NOT TO	IRON JAWED ANGELS	I AM SAM	20/20	14:00
14:30		DISNEY'S DOUG (TVY): - NIGHT OF THE LIVING DOUGS				14:30
15:00		TODAY			GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
16:00	ESPNEWS		A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN			16:00
16:30	ESPNEWS			HEADLINE NEWS		16:30
16:52				PACIFIC REPORT		16:52
17:00	NHL - MINNESOTA WILD @ DETROIT RED WINGS	LIZZIE MCGUIRE (TVG): - PICTURE DAY		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):	HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30		THE AMANDA SHOW			CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:45					ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00		JEOPARDY! (TVG):		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):	THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30		HEADLINE NEWS	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES (TVPG):			18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	ESPNEWS	ROCKET POWER (TVY): - MISSLE CRISIS/ FALSELY ALARMED	THE TEN COMMANDMENTS		19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS			19:30
20:00	NHL COOL SHOTS	SMALLVILLE (TVPG): - CALLING (PT. 1)	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - SATURDAYS OF THUNDER		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:30	NBA INSIDE STUFF		THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - A GIRL AND HER DOG			20:30
20:45						20:45
21:00	TENNIS - NASDAQ 100 OPEN - WOMEN'S QUARTERFINALS	I AM SAM	J.A.G. (TVPG): - PAS DE DEUX (PT. 2)		20/20	21:00
22:00			IRON JAWED ANGELS		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
23:00				ESPNEWS: THE HOT LIST	HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30		HEADLINE NEWS		HEADLINE NEWS	INSIDE POLITICS	23:30